

## FACTS--NOT MUD

What Has Been Done in Wichita by Business Government.

## LOOK AT SUMS ACCRUED

Saving on Lights, Forfeits Secured, Reduced Interests.

The sober second thought of the American people is always in favor of fair play. The sober second thought of the people of Wichita in the contest for the office of the majority this spring will finally resolve itself into the proposition of fair play. Passion and prejudice and the idle talk of the street corner will not govern the impulses of the man when he comes to vote. He will then conclude that he is arriving at a verdict and he will be governed by his judgment, by the evidence, by the honest impulses of his manhood. The record which Mr. Ross has made as mayor of this city for the past two years is made up. It is a fact which can be got at. Neither he nor his friends can hide it nor do away with it and the passion and prejudice of personal ambition can neither hide nor confuse it so as to deceive and mislead the man who chooses to investigate. Two years ago, on the night of the election, Finlay Ross said to a gentleman, "The city of Wichita must have a better business administration. Conditions are more critical now than ever before in her history. The same economy, the same integrity, the same business that the successful business man uses in the management of his affairs must be brought to bear upon the management of the municipal affairs of this city. I shall endeavor to give as much employment to the laboring men of the city of Wichita as is consistent with the conditions, and if I can save any money by reducing the cost of those utilities which are earned by corporations I am perfectly willing that whatever is saved in this respect should go into the pockets of the laboring men of Wichita."

Now let us see how he has carried this out. We will take the items from the books in the clerk's office covering some of these expenses, accounting for the two or three months preceding the first day of March, 1899, and these items do not include any salaries, but are items of expense expended for labor of men and teams:

Account of street work for labor.	\$21,000.00
For sidewalk labor.	1,047.32
Labor on park.	2,325.71
Sewer labor.	1,692.54
Total for labor.	\$26,065.57

This is a period of eleven months, or 286 working days, which would mean 72 men per day at \$3.50 per day, or a less number of men at \$3.50 per day, and still a less number of men at \$3.50 per day. Since Mr. Ross' election, the city has prospered and the growing and developing of this city, the wages are now \$3.50 per day.

Now on what items has there been a saving? That is, on what items have the savings been in the nature of clear gain? Well, the city of Wichita, among its other items of indebtedness, had \$20,000 of railroad bonds which were refunded at a rate of interest which saved to the city of Wichita \$3,000.

On the reduced price of lighting the city a saving of \$3,000 was made. Then on eastern graduates made a bid to certain of Wichita's bonds, and they were required to put up a forfeit of \$2,000 as evidence of their good faith, which sum they have forfeited and it has been converted into the treasury of the city. For no reason that they failed to carry out their contract. Then there had to be certain other bonds refunded, known as sewer bonds, and on the refunding of these bonds the city saved \$2,000 in interest, obtaining a lower rate of interest in this transaction than had ever been obtained before up to that time by any municipality in the state of Kansas. Now regarding the street railway transaction. The first contract of the city required them to give a bond in the sum of \$50,000 that they would in good faith perform their contract. They did not do this, but asked for an extension of time, and the settlement of the city of Wichita was in favor of that extension. But Mr. Ross, knowing that if they gave a new bond that it was a matter out of which litigation might easily grow and the city would have to begin the litigation. He therefore required them to deposit with the treasurer of the city the sum of \$50,000, which on the night of the first day of this month was deposited and no one questions this for a moment, for the contract on the part of the railway people has not been carried out. Now let us see what these items make, which everybody will admit are in the nature of clear gain and which has cost the city and taxpayers nothing:

Saving on interest.....\$3,000.00  
Saving on light.....\$3,000.00  
On account of forfeitures.....\$2,000.00

Making a total of.....\$8,000.00  
These are facts that certainly ought to convince the most skeptical, and they show that Mr. Ross, with the aid of a very shrewd council of good business men, has considered that the administration of the affairs of the city of Wichita was a business proposition and not a political one.

Now what about the debt question which was in existence when Mr. Ross was elected mayor and which was created by the people of Wichita without regard to their politics, and which is in the nature of bonds voted for by the people, and which the people always vote bonds, especially in the earlier history of every western town.

In 1897 the Ross administration paid and canceled of these bonds \$20,000. In 1898, \$25,000. Making a total of indebtedness actually paid of \$45,000.

Now there are some of the facts which the talk of the corner, the humbug resort, the proposition, the crowd of the political order and newspaper writers can get away from the thinking people of Wichita, and that includes just about a hundred per cent of her voters. These facts, facts, not mud.

## ADOLPH HUSEY'S APPOINTMENT

Is Made Deputy Coal Oil Inspector

Yesterday Adolph Husey of this city received announcement of the fact that he had been appointed deputy coal oil inspector. He will take charge of the office next week. Nothing has happened in the community which has caused more general congratulation and cheer, among political lines, than the appointment of Adolph Husey. He has always been a fair and square citizen, never obtrusive in his

## A Woman's Words

Afflicted With Many Diseases—Weak Stomach, Heart Trouble—Life Was Miserable until Hood's Sarsaparilla Cured.

"About two years ago I was in a serious condition. I could not eat or sleep. My stomach was very weak and I had heart disease so bad that I could not lie down. I was also afflicted with female complaints and my life was miserable to me. I could not do my housework and was reduced to a mere skeleton. One day I decided to try Hood's Sarsaparilla and I began to feel better from the first few doses. I could soon sleep well at night. This medicine has done me so much good that I value it very highly and recommend it to my friends as a medicine that does all it claims to do." MRS. JENNIE M. DEERY, Arnold, Nebraska.

If you have decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not buy any other instead.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
Is the best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier.  
All druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Get only Hood's.

**Hood's Pills** are pure, mild, effective. All druggists. 25c.

relationship, always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel to help Wichita along. Everybody appreciates him, and when his appointment came his thousands of friends all felt that they had received appointments, too. If Governor Stanley's administration is made up of men of the caliber of Adolph Husey it will prove without an equal in the state.

## YOUNG EDWARD SMITH

Dies of Injuries Received While at His Work.

Edward Smith, a boy of 15, employed by the Bryan candy factory, died at his home Friday by reason of some injuries received while at his work. His funeral will be held from the residence this afternoon at 2:30, and all his friends and fellow workmen are invited.

## QUARTER SAWED OAK PEWS

Contract Is Let Out to a Kansas City Concern.

The contract for the seating of the St. John's Episcopal church was awarded to the Manhattan Seating company of Kansas City, Missouri, for \$500. The seating will consist of very fine quarter-sawed oak pews, choir stalls and screens.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

Begins Its Work for the Summer Next Friday.

The Home Improvement society of West Wichita will meet in Dodge Avenue church Monday, March 27, at 8 p. m. All both men and women, are cordially and earnestly invited, especially officers and committee members. Important business, election of officers, reports of committees and plans for summer work.

Good work was done last year, but we want to do more this year. The spirit of improvement is in the air, and we want to meet it half way and speed it onward. Come and hear, and see and help.

## ORATORIO PREPARATIONS ON

Great Musical Opportunity for This Section Is Coming.

The arrangements for the oratorio festival, to be held in this city May 3, 4 and 5, are well under way. The "Messiah" will be presented Wednesday evening, May 3, and the "Crucifixion" Friday evening, May 5. On Thursday evening, May 4, the soloists will furnish a fine concert program, with the assistance of a fine orchestra.

The soloists will be Mrs. Geneva Johnson, soprano; Miss Muriel Martin, alto; Mr. Robert Carson, tenor; and Mr. Charles W. Clark, bass. These artists are all from Chicago and are well known, all having achieved an enviable reputation in the line of oratorio. This festival will give the musicians of southern Kansas and Oklahoma an opportunity that has never been presented here before, and should receive the most hearty support.

## MORE BOXES OF GOLD.

Also 350 Greenbacks.

To secure some desired information direct from the people, it is proposed to send 5 little boxes, each containing \$5.00 gold, 25 boxes, each containing \$5.00 gold and 350 envelopes, each containing a \$5.00 bill, to persons who write the most interesting and truthful descriptions of their experience on the following topics:

1. How have you been affected by coffee drinking?
2. Do you know anyone who has been driven away from Potomac because it came to the table weak and characterless at the first trial?
3. Did you set such a person right regarding the easy way to make Potomac cream, black and with a crisp, rich taste?
4. Have you ever found a better way to make it than to use 4 heaping teaspoons, set to the point of water, let stand on stove until real boiling begins, then note the clock and allow it to continue easy boiling full 15 minutes from that time stirring down occasionally?
5. Give names and address of those you know to have been cured or helped in health by the use of Potomac Food Coffee in its place.

6. Write names and addresses of 25 friends whom you believe would be benefited by leaving off coffee. (Your name will not be divulged to them.) Address your letter to the Potomac Cream Co., Ltd., Bartle Creek Mich. Writing your own name and address clearly.

Decision will be made on May 1st next, by three judges not members of the Potomac Co., and one of the \$5.00 boxes of gold sent to each of the best writers, and one of the \$5.00 boxes of gold sent to each of the 25 next best writers and one of the \$5.00 bill sent to each of the 25 next best writers.

These 25 persons will earn money prizes and each and every person who fails to win a money prize, but whose letter contains 25 true names and addresses of persons who would be benefited by leaving off coffee, will receive 25 cents worth of Potomac Food Coffee free.

Almost everyone interested in pure food and drink is willing to have their name and letter appear in the papers, for each help as it may offer to the human race. A request to omit name will be repeated. Every friend of Potomac is urged to write and each letter will be held in high esteem by the company, as an evidence of each friendship, while the little boxes of gold and envelopes of money will reach many modest writers whose plain and sensible letters contain the facts desired, although the sender may have but small faith in winning at the time of writing.

Talk this subject over with your friends and see how many among you can win prizes. It is a good, honest competition and in the best kind of a game. Cut this statement out for it will not appear again.

## NAILS THE SLANDER

Man Who Knows Stamps Out a Campaign Lie.

## PREJUDICED SHOULD READ

Those Bound to Keep on Falsifying Should Not.

In face of the fact that Mayor Ross has saved and acquired for the city by shrewd and careful management thousands and thousands of dollars which he has spent in giving men work to improve the city, and in face of the fact that his record cannot be equaled by that of any other mayor in any other western city, the agitators are trying to mislead a great many people by the assertion that Finlay Ross is not a friend to the laboring man.

The assertion is false. The men who make it claiming authority know it is false. The men who make it without authority are misled and should know the facts.

Now, who is competent to say whether Finlay Ross is a man who treats those he employs fairly? The man who has had relations with Finlay Ross is he who is competent to testify, is the only man a court of justice would admit as a competent witness.

The following communication has been received by the Eagle. It should be read, not by the men who are professionally agitating, for they will go on with the falsehood, but it should be read by the men who have been misled.

No mayor has improved the city as Mayor Ross has improved it. No man has gained by business management and business tact the amount of money, making it possible to employ men to improve the city, as he has done.

"To the Editor of the Eagle.  
"Permit me through the columns of your paper to speak to the laboring men of Wichita, a body of men who are now being influenced and persuaded by false and malicious rumors detrimental to Mr. Ross. I feel that I am in a position to speak, as I am now and have been ever since I have been able to work as a laboring man and worked for Mr. Ross as a salesman for five years, up to the time he went out of business.

"During the time I worked for him, at various times I was so sick that I could not go to my work for several days at a time, nevertheless Mr. Ross, in the goodness of his heart, never once deducted that time from my salary, but paid me for every month in full. If at any time we were compelled to work overtime we always received pay for it accordingly.

Mr. Gus Guree, who is now working at Emporia, Kan., at a lucrative position, secured for him by Mr. Ross, worked with me in Mr. Ross' store for several years, during which time Mr. Guree was a member of Thos. Shaw's band, and on numerous occasions was compelled on that account to be away from the store for several days at a time, yet never was a dollar deducted from his salary for his absence.

"I am now working for the Innes Dry Goods company, on North Main street, and am willing and ready to give information that will conclusively show that Mr. Ross is a staunch and true friend of the laboring man.

"Permit me to say that I have been prompted to write this because I have heard, during the last two weeks, political barmaids and parasites endeavoring to influence laboring men with false rumors maliciously created and circulated by themselves. HARVEY REYNOLDS, "1216 South Fifth."

## EX-UNION SOLDIERS IN OFFICE

Mayor Ross Has Stood by the Veterans of the City.

An effort is being made by some of the very men who have for years been fighting the ex-Union soldiers because of their pensions, to get the ex-Union soldiers to vote against Mayor Ross on the false charge that he has given the veterans no recognition in appointments.

But, like the other efforts to show Ross under an avalanche of abuse, falsification and ridicule, this will soon be settled forever by the almighty truth, which no amount of chicanery and falsification can overcome.

How many ex-Union soldiers has Mayor Ross appointed? Take the list and compare it with other mayors. These men all have substantial salaries and permanent places.

C. M. Jones was in Company D, Twenty-third Michigan.  
J. P. Oliver was in Company E, Eighty-third Pennsylvania.  
A. G. Burr was in the Twenty-eighth Illinois.

J. T. McMillen was in the Sixty-second Pennsylvania Volunteers.  
J. W. Fox was in Company E, Sixty-fourth Ohio.

J. W. Dugbar was in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Indiana.  
G. H. Smith was in Company D, Seventy-third Indiana.

Low Aspy was in Company I, Thirty-third Indiana.  
Tony Krush was in Company A, Eighty-third Illinois.

Burt Waldeen was in the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Indiana.  
R. P. Dodd was in Company C, Thirty-third Illinois.

I. E. Hart was in Company L, One Hundred and Seventeenth Illinois.  
George E. Harris is an ex-Union soldier. So is R. Jackson. So is J. H. Moore. So is Frank Backlund.

The aggregate salaries of these old soldiers amount to nearly \$1,000 per month.

## EDUCATION AND EXPANSION

J. S. Carson to Make His Address at Kechi and Goddard.

J. S. Carson will deliver his lecture on "Education and Expansion, or Education of the American citizen for America's Manifest Destiny," at Kechi next Saturday evening, April 1st, and at Goddard Friday evening, April 2nd.

Mr. Carson was greeted with a splendid audience when at Clearwater and the many favorable comments received from that place and the timeliness of his theme will insure him large audiences.

**MESSIAH AT LINDSBORG**  
Special Train to be Run on the Missouri Pacific Friday.

A special train will leave Wichita Friday, March 25, at 11:10 a. m., over the Missouri Pacific, for parties wishing to attend the Messiah. Reserved seats can be secured and delivered from the chair at the office of O. A. Boyle, rooms 1 and 2, Biting Block.

## AT Cash Henderson's On Sale Monday

A special offering in ladies' dressmaker-made Silk Waists, comprising all the very latest fashions in all the colors.

A large line of those elegant Black Crepons for Skirts which are being worn so much this spring in New York. On sale at 79c to \$3.

## On Tuesday

Two hundred dozen misses' and ladies' Shirt Waists, comprising all the latest fads. The prices will be less than the worth of the material.

See north show window for Wednesday's great sale.

Two thousand five hundred yards Krinkonel, cost 25c yard to import, on sale at 10c.

119-121 North Main Street.



**Herman and Hess,**  
Corner Market and Douglas.

## Footcase

Combined with Shoe-Elegance

are the most desirable qualities in fine footwear, and are the strong features of our "Korrek Shape" Shoes. The best fitter, most comfortable, stylish and serviceable Shoe made. See our line of \$3 Shoes in west window. All the latest Spring styles and shades. They are equal to any \$4 Shoe in the state. Our Ladies' \$2.50 Shoes, in black or tan, new Spring styles, equal to any \$3 Shoe in the city. See them displayed in our west window.

Don't wear pinchy, ill-fitting, uncomfortable Shoes when you can buy our "Korrek Shapes" at the price of the ordinary kind.

## Christman Bros.,

The Footfitters. 402 East Douglas.

## NEW FIRM, NEW GOODS

Having purchased the stock of Groceries of Bate & Co., 212 N. Main street, I have stocked up with a full and complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Vegetables in season, Hay, Grain and Feed of all kinds.

Our prices are as low as the lowest on first class goods.

**WE ARE SELLING**  
Ohio Seed Potatoes per bushel.....\$1.00  
All Packages Coffees per lb.....\$1.00  
Best Japan Tea per lb.....\$1.00  
Best Imperial Tea per lb.....\$1.00  
Best grade Flour.....\$1.00  
Soda Crackers, 4 lbs.....\$1.00  
Soda Crackers, 2 lbs.....\$1.00  
Prunes, 4 lbs.....\$1.00  
15 bars of Soap.....\$1.00  
A good Broom.....\$1.00

**Squire, the Grocer,**  
212 North Main.

## This New Firm

Will sell goods at lowest cash prices, and solicit your patronage. We quote:  
All package Coffee.....\$1.00  
Eggs, per dozen.....\$1.00  
Corn, good, per bushel.....\$1.00  
Tomatoes, standard, 2 for.....\$1.00  
Best Baked Beans, 2 lbs.....\$1.00  
Best Salmon, 1 lb cans.....\$1.00  
Baker's Delight Baking Powder.....\$1.00  
25 cent cans.....\$1.00  
25 cent cans.....\$1.00  
Goods delivered free.

**Eames Grocer Co.,**  
240 North Main Street.

## The Secret

Of good breadmaking is the quality of Flour and ingredients used. All good breadmakers use

## Second to None Flour

The Flour that stands alone at the top rung of purity and excellence. Try it. You'll be pleased with the result.

**Otto Weiss, Agent.**

Judge Dale issued decrees for two divorce cases yesterday. The first was that of David T. Ferguson against Emma Zee Ferguson, and the other was that of Louis M. Fisher against James W. Fisher.

## WHEELMEN, ATTENTION!

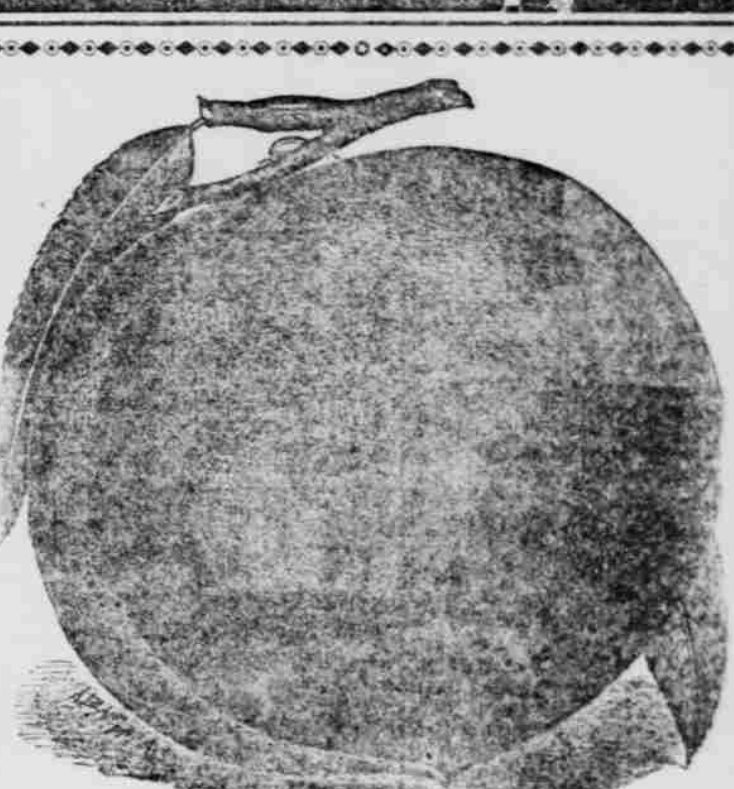
We have just received a case of Sweaters, in blue and maroon, turtle neck; trimmed in white; others sell the same quality any day and every day all the year around at 65c and 75c. In order to give the Wheelmen a chance to sweat in our Sweaters we'll sell them on

Tomorrow at **39c** FOR MEN AND BOYS

...None Sold to Merchants. See East Window...

## GOLDEN EAGLE,

Greatest Money-Saving Clothing Store in Wichita.  
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## Elberta Peach

We have a full line of Roses, Evergreens, Shrubbery, Fruit and Shade Trees. Come to the Nurseries and get your stock fresh and clean, or call at city yards, 217 North Main Street. Parties outside of county send for our fruit catalogue and price list. Our specialty—Home-grown trees, true to name, at low prices. Patronize a home Nursery and be protected.

Correspondence solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed. Salesmen wanted. References: Any bank or business house in Wichita. Call on or address

**WICHITA NURSERY ASSOCIATION,**  
1930 North Emporia Ave., Wichita.

## It Made Her Weep

When she looked at her walls after her husband had chosen the paper from a second class wall paper house. Then she put on her wraps and went right to Parrott & Sons, and the next day her rooms looked like an artist's fresco, with selections from

**J. P. Parrott & Sons,**  
215 North Main.

## The Foot

Probably no organ of the body has been more abused by the fashion of its dress for the past few years than the foot, and no one feature of this dress is more obviously wrong, abusive and harmful to this member, and indirectly to the health of the body, than was found in the late style of narrow pointed toes.

The most casual observer cannot fail to recognize that the decided change in styles this season will give to the foot that ease and comfort that should be given to the organs that perhaps perform more manual labor than any part of the body.

These foot-form shapes can now be had in Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes, high and low cut, and in the neatest, nattiest and prettiest patterns for spring and summer wear that have ever been shown anywhere on earth.

Our line for the coming season is about complete and you will experience no trouble in finding your ideal of footwear.

## Brailsch's

120 EAST DOUGLAS.